

Research -projects /conferences undertaken.

1. Conference hosted by CMDCI.

Theme:

National Policies and Legal Rights: From the Disability and Multicultural Perspectives

2. Community outreach services enhancing the health community living capacity for persons with disabilities from ethnocultural communities. Sponsored by Manitoba Community Service Council.
3. Child protection: Group Home for newcomers.
4. Community Access Program Youth Initiative catering for the needs of Canadians with disabilities from ethnocultural communities. Sponsored by Industry Canada.
5. Africa Night from the disabled ethnocultural perspective. Sponsored by Manitoba Multicultural Secretariat Ethno-Cultural Community Support Program.
6. Development of a course examining critical issues in special education through the cross-cultural lenses. Jointly sponsored by Winnipeg Foundation and the University of Manitoba Faculty of Education.
7. Annually hold a symposium on Multicultural night through which the disability issues are discuss through cross-cultural lenses.
8. Conducting a series of symposiums whose theme is: Overcoming Marginalization: From the Disabled Ethnocultural Community Perspectives. The objective is to disseminate the results of our research projects. This is jointly sponsored by the Manitoba Ministry of Labour and Immigration and the Canadian Heritage.
9. Currently host a Cap Site for Community Connections which caters for the needs of the disabled ethnocultural communities, a project featuring WEB-4-All, technology designed to enable people with disabilities to develop computer skills and to learn how to search for information on the Internet.
10. Ongoing: Help our members emotionally by organizing social gathering for the members, friends and families.
11. The application of Web-4-All in overcoming linguistic and cultural barriers through the disability lenses. Sponsored by Canadian Heritage and Industry Canada, 2005 – 2009.
- 6.2. The application of technology in overcoming educational and employment barriers as experienced by the disabled population. Project Location Zimbabwe. Sponsored by Manitoba Council for International Cooperation and CCMDCI, 2007 – 2008.

- 13 A comprehensive analysis of the Health care service delivery system. Sponsored by Canadian Heritage and Winnipeg Foundation, 2006 – 2008.
- 14 Solar Energy, meeting the needs of persons with disabilities in Rural Zimbabwe. Sponsored by the Manitoba Council of International Cooperation and CMDCI, 2006 – 2007.
- 15 Elimination of poverty through the integration of people with disabilities into the agrarian industry. Sponsored by the Manitoba Council of International Cooperation and CMDCI, 2006 – 2006.
- 16 Conducted a Case study: Examining the impact of technology on people with disabilities from ethnocultural communities' quality of lives. Sponsored by Industry Canada, 2005 – 2006.
- 17 Research on: "Towards a Comprehensive Approach to Social Cohesion: Exploring the Needs of People with Disabilities in Ethno cultural Communities". Sponsored by HRSDC and Canadian Heritage, 2002 – 2005.
- 18 Internship Research Project: Disability youth and popular culture. Sponsored by the Faculty of Education, University of Toronto and CMDCI, 2002.
- 19 Participated in the research: Best Practices in the Home-based employment of people with disabilities.
- 6.10 Research Associate, Canadian Centre on Disability Studies, 2001.
- 6.11 Researcher/Consultant/Psychologist (part-time, Disability Research Working Group, 1996 to present.
- 6.12 Assessing the Needs of Visually Handicapped Students and Workers Doctoral Thesis University of Toronto, 1996 - 2000.
- 6.13 Research Associate, Department of Theory and Policy Studies, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, 1998.
- 6.14 An analysis of the perceptions of regular teachers and students on mainstreaming students with disabilities in Ontario schools for a Masters Degree program, 1992 to 1994.
- 6.15 Research Consultant, Ontario Rehabilitation Technology Consortium Management Team, 1992 to 1994.
- 6.16 Research Assistant, Committee Consumer Research Collaboration, 1992 to 1994.
- 6.17 Researcher (part-time Ministry of Education, Zimbabwe, 1989 to 1992).

7.0) PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH REPORTS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS.

- Matanga, Z., R. Freeze, H. Duchesne, and C.M. Nyachoti. 2008. Disability and diversity in Canada: Problems and opportunities in creating accessible and inclusive learning and service delivery environments. *J. Intl. Assoc. Spec. Educ.* 9:89-103.
- Matanga, Z. 2008. A comparison of institutional discrimination practices against people with disabilities in North America and Africa: Cases in Zimbabwe and Canada. *In: New Directions in African Education: Challenges and Possibilities.* S. N. Dlamini (ed.). Published by University Calgary Press, (P. 171-200).

- Matanga, Z. 2007. Creating disability Inclusive International Development Policies. Presented in commemoration of the International Development Week, jointly sponsored by Manitoba Council of International Cooperation & Canadian International Development Agency. Winnipeg, MB, February 11 2007.
- Matanga, Z. 2005. Transitions faced by newcomers to Canada. TO: HNO Ken Dryden, Minister of Social Development Canada CCD Social Policy Working Group.
- Matanga Z. 2005: Presented on Draft Article 24bis International Cooperation at Community Consultation, on UN Convention.
- Matanga, Z. 2005. A Handbook on Educational and Employment Service Delivery – Accommodating People with Disabilities of Ethno-cultural background. Sponsored by Canadian Heritage and Manitoba Labour and immigration, pp.
- Matanga, Z. 2003. National Policies and Legal Rights: From the Disability and Multicultural Perspectives. Submitted to The Office for Disability Issues HRDC), Court Challenges (Winnipeg) and Canadian Race Relations Foundation (Toronto).
- Matanga, Z. 2003. Overcoming the Marginalization of People with Disabilities in Canada. Submitted to U.N. Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism in Regina, SK.
- Matanga, Z. 2003. A Handbook on Developing HIV and STD Educational Programs (Resources) for Persons with Disabilities in Southern Africa.
- Matanga, Z. and C.M. Mayenga. 2002. 911 – making sense of the September 2001 tragedy from the disability community perspective. In commemoration of the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
- Stienstra, D., G. Annable, J. Morris-Wales, and Z. Matanga. 2002. Best Practices in the Home-based employment of people with disabilities. Canadian Centre on Disability Studies, Winnipeg, MB.
- Matanga, Z. 2001. Presented in a conference entitled “Children on the Move.” The conference examined the challenges experienced by children who were born totally blind to acquire language.
- Matanga, Z. 1998. Roof Tops presentation on the political, economic and cultural status of Zimbabwe.
- Matanga, Z. 1997. World Vision presentation on the political, economic and cultural status of Zimbabwe.
- Matanga, Z. 1997. Workshop entitled: “Strategies for Supporting Consumer Organisations in Changing Social-Political Environments in Canada”.
- Matanga, Z. 1996. “The Zimbabwe Educational Colonial Legacy: A Conflict Between Colonial Values and Traditional Values”, Paper presented at the University of Toronto (OISE) at the Values Conference.
- Matanga, Z. 1996. Facilitator in a workshop discussing strategies which disability organisations can use to survive in the current economic social and political environment.
- Matanga, Z. 1996. The challenges facing people with disabilities in their effort to access appropriate technology to meet their daily needs at home. “I Have Something to Say Conference” (Participation House, London, Ontario).
- Matanga, Z. 1995. The difficulties faced by a researcher conducting a study on disability in Third World countries. Rockefeller Workshop (On African dissertation).
- Matanga, Z. et al, 1995. “People's Stories; Impact of Technology”, “I Have Something to Say Conference”. Hosted by participation House London, Ontario

- Matanga, Z., Krogh K. and Gengio L. 1994. "Partnership a Tool for Social Change", Presentation at Partners in Education Conference hosted by the National Education Association of Disabled Students, Montreal.
- Matanga, Z. and Krogh K. 1994. "Negotiating Partnership Agreements", presentation at Progress through Partnership Conference hosted by the Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres, Winnipeg Manitoba.
- Matanga, Z., and Krogh K., Fitzerman B. et al., 1993. "Involving People with Disability in Technology Research", Presentation made at a conference entitled: "Transforming Science and Technology: Our Future Depends on it". Hosted by Gender Science and Technology Waterloo, Ontario.
- Matanga, Z., Schryer E. Lindsay P. Narine M. 1993. "Consumer Involvement in Vision Technology Development", Presentation made at a Conference entitled "A Prescription for the future". Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference Blind Association of North America, Kitchener, Ontario.
- Matanga, Z. and Krogh K. 1993. "Consumer Involvement: the Issues for Consumer Involvement in Technology Research Connections".
- Matanga, Z. 1990. Mutare Zimbabwe "The Teaching of Abstract Concepts and Colours to Visually Handicapped Students". Workshop sponsored by the Zimbabwe Ministry of Education.
- Matanga, Z. 1989. Botswana Gaborone representing The Zimbabwe National League of the Blind at The African Union of the Blind.